

FARMERS TRAINING CAMP ESTABLISHED NEAR ELBA ON OLD KNIGHT FARM

Six Months Training Under Expert Instructors Will Be Given To 300 Young Married Men, Selected From 25 South Alabama Counties; Great Possibilities.

Commencing Tuesday morning, all is hustle and bustle down on the old Knight place, about two miles south of Elba, where Coffee County's Agricultural Conservation Camp is being prepared for 300 young married farmers. This camp has been designed to provide opportunities toward self-maintenance for a group of young men and their families given particular consideration in the recovery program.

Engineer M. J. Savell, with J. C. Robbins, are in charge of establishing the camp, and we are informed that 20 men will be selected from each of 25 counties in South Alabama, 200 to be selected from this group. Nineteen of Coffee County's quota of 20 young men are now located and actively engaged in helping to make the camp habitable. The twentieth was expected to have been selected Wednesday.

Following six months of well rounded training and experience in various phases of farm work and rural home building, the successful selectees from this group of 300 men will be given an opportunity for homesteading in their home counties or elsewhere through financing by the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation.

Reports will be available to make this training the most worthwhile possible. It is the opinion of the sponsors of the movement that this group in their respective counties will serve as excellent beginning for general improvement and development of higher standards of life for these many other families. Cases to be considered are selected by the Director of Relief and submitted to Miss Viola Stutles, Supervisor of Social Service Division of the Rural Rehabilitation program.

Following is a list of the young men selected as Coffee County's quota:

William Harvey Weeks, Coffee Springs, Rt. 2; Fred Moore, New Brockton; Harvard Ray Rainey, New Brockton; Lonnie Donaldson, Elba, Rt. 3; James Kinzie King, Elba, Rt. 2; Jesse Adams, Elba; Comer Brunson, Elba; Joe Cole, Elba; Curry French, Elba, Rt. 1; Jim Frank Innis, Elba, Rt. 2; Russell Oliver, Enterprise; Jim Chambers, Kinston, Rt. 1; Wilbur Heath, Enterprise; Cleo Goodson, New Brockton, Rt. 1; Wilbur Bryan Cox, Enterprise; Mason Yohn, Enterprise, Rt. 1; William Charlie White, Enterprise; J. B. Enzor, Elba, Rt. 4; A. L. Whitehead, Arton, Rt. 1.

Following is the outline for eligibility and selection of men to be enrolled in Alabama Conservation Camp, Coffee County, as given in a bulletin to A. W. Hobart, Coffee County Director of Relief:

I. Plan of the Project

The plan of the suggested project is to provide, in addition to subsistence, educational training and opportunities to 300 young married men between the ages of 18 and 25. It is to be done on the basis of six months training through the development of a project located in Coffee County on a tract of land recently acquired by the Alabama Relief Administration. It is then planned that, after the six months training period, the successful selectees will return to their home county, at which time they will be given opportunity for homesteading through financing by Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. This is a state project and will be administered as such.

II. Advantage

(a) To give an opportunity to a group of men who have not been given particular consideration in any previous phase of the Recovery Program.

(b) To give educational opportunities through training to fit this group for future self-maintenance. While in camp the men will receive maintenance plus \$3.00 cash per month and their families will receive a monthly allowance of \$15.00.

III. Eligibility

(a) They must be actively classified at the present time in Group I of Rural Rehabilitation Program.

(b) They must be white married men from 18 to 25 years of age inclusive, and must be living with their wives at the present time.

(c) Proof of eligibility of age must be given by birth certificate, Bible record or other acceptable documents.

(d) Applicant must show proof of recent physical examination.

(e) Applicant must have completed at least the sixth grade.

(f) No person under conviction of crime and serving sentence shall be employed.

IV. Procedure For Selection

(a) They should be men of stability and good character, clean cut, purposeful and ambitious. They should be the best young men that can be found in this group. They must be willing to learn and willing to work. Participation in this program is a privilege.

(b) Acceptance of enrollment will be purely voluntary. No coercive methods should be used in interesting the men in enrollment.

(c) Twenty men are to be selected from each of the following counties:

Coffee, Dale, Covington, Geneva, Houston, Henry, Harbort, Shelby, Crenshaw, Butler, Clarke, Wilcox, Perry, Marengo, Montgomery, Talladega, Conecuh, Baldwin, Escambia, Monroe, Mobile, Autauga, Chilton, Elberta, Elmore.

Three hundred will be selected from this group.

(d) There will be a number of vocations needed to carry on the project, if possible, selection should include boys who have had varied occupational experiences.

(e) Physical examination in accordance with the attached blank must be made locally by a licensed physician. Relief funds cannot be used for providing such examination.

(f) The complete case history should be brought up to date and the attached application form triplicate should be prepared and held ready for further instructions as to time and place of recruiting.

(g) Cost of transportation to recruiting station and camp will be paid from Relief funds.

COMMENCEMENT SERMON AT CURTIS SUNDAY A.M. APRIL 7

The commencement sermon of Curtis Sunday will be delivered at Curtis Baptist Church, Sunday, April 7, at 11 o'clock a.m. The Rev. W. M. Bush, pastor of the New Brockton Baptist Church, will deliver the sermon.

All parents and friends of the graduating class are especially invited.

Mrs. Corrie Bryant has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Dothan.

The Rev. W. J. Hughes, his little son, Jennings, and Mrs. C. B. McDowell visited in Dothan Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Howard McClelland and her little daughter, Peggy, of Monticello, Fla., returned to Elba with them for a visit with Mrs. McClelland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McDowell. Little Peggy underwent an appendicitis operation at Mowley hospital Monday morning when she is recovering very nicely.

Prof. J. W. Mayfield took advantage of the school holidays last week and visited home folks at Fayette. He says Fayette is the hub of the universe—everything and everything go round it without stopping.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Ringsdorf and children and Mrs. Lillian Ringsdorf visited relatives at La Fayette Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dorsey Sez:

The new 1935 Master Six Chevrolet is now on display at our show rooms. We cordially invite you to see America's finest low-priced car. Demonstrations cheerfully arranged.

We open at 7 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

FOR LATEST NEWS OF INTEREST READ THE ELBA CLIPPER

County Agt. Gives Information Concerning Programs

By HUGH D. SEXTON
County Agent

Seed loan application blanks have arrived in the County Agent's office. Those who desire to make application for a 1935 seed loan are advised to come to the County Agent's office in Elba or Enterprise. Persons who have applied for a loan from the Quark Production Credit Association and have been turned down are advised to bring the letter which is signed by James L. Barnes with them.

In order to "speed up" your application you should bring this information:

Description of land taken from Tax Assessor's sheet.

1933 and 1934 production of cotton, corn and peanuts.

Indebtedness on land, mules, plow tools, etc.

Also bring landlord or tenant with you to sign waiver.

If all the above information is available at the time you make application for a loan, your loan check will arrive in 8 to 10 days.

CHAS. L. ROWE IS APPOINTED ASSISTANT AGENT GENERAL

MONTGOMERY, April 1.—C. E. Rogers, Birmingham banker, was ready today to assume office as the permanent president of the State Board of Administration.

Rogers will be formally named by the governor later in the day. He arrived early today and will succeed Arthur Heustess, who was appointed temporary president by Governor Bibb Graves.

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AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION WORK

Peanuts

To date, 2,244 planted growers have submitted contracts and the Agent wishes to take this opportunity to notify all contract signers that the State Representative has notified us on March 28th that it would probably be a week or more before a report could be given as to what adjustments are necessary on the contracts.

These contracts show that 41,926 acres were planted in 1933 and 44,445 acres planted in peanuts in 1934. The contracts also show that the 1935 allotted acreage is more than either 1933 or 1934. The Agent is of the opinion that some adjustments in acreage will be called for by the Washington office.

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Property Improvement Financing Has Been Arranged By Building Supply Dealers

Local building material dealers are fully prepared to receive home and other property owners desiring to apply for loans during the repairing and modernizing campaign which started in Elba last week.

Joining with thousands of other such institutions over the country to provide funds in every community for carrying out the provisions of Title I of the National Housing Act, these local dealers, representing the wholesale institutions from whom they buy their stocks, will participate.

Country-wide reports indicate an early rush of applicants in almost every section and it is to be hoped that Elba property owners will not lag behind but will participate and get their share of this exceedingly generous plan.

Local plans and organization work are under the direction of a committee headed by J. M. Bonneau, working in conjunction with Fred Mays, who has charge of the Elba branch of the plan. Mr. Bonneau has acquired a number of property owners with the advantage of the opportunity to obtain repairs at low interest rates, without the usual mortgage procedure.

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SUPREME COURT ORDERS STATE TO RE-TRY NEGROES

WASHINGTON, April 1.—A new trial was ordered by the supreme court today in the case of death sentences imposed on Clarence Norris and Haywood Patterson, negroes convicted of assaulting a white woman near Scottsboro, Alabama.

The opinion was delivered by Chief Justice Hughes.

The negroes, center of litigation since 1931, contended they had been deprived of constitutional rights because they were indicted by a grand jury and found guilty by a trial jury from which members of their race had been systematically excluded.

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GOV. GRAVES HONORED ON HIS 62ND BIRTHDAY

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 1.—Governor Bibb Graves, 62 years old today, called off official business engagements this afternoon and celebrated his birthday with a long drive around the city and surrounding country.

His eyes filled with emotion this morning as "friends" presented him with an easy chair, reading lamp, candy flowers and a gigantic birthday cake in the form of the State Capitol of Confederacy.

To a packed room of capital officials and employees, he expressed his thanks and declared that "if I amount to anything it's due to my wife—Dixie."

Beneath the deft strokes of a knife swiftly and systematically the birthday cake quickly disappeared as every person present was given a slice.

As the big cake was served, the Governor laughingly recalled his campaign statement—"those who help me bake the cake, will help me eat it."

The chief executive was not the only official to celebrate a birthday today. For Col. Page S. Bunk, an state forester, passed his sixtieth milestone.

NO PREACHING AT CHURCH OF CHRIST SUNDAY MORNING

On account of the fact that Professor Jas. C. Dixon will deliver the commencement sermon at Fairview Church Sunday morning, there will be no preaching service at the Elba Church of Christ at that time.

At the regular evening preaching hour, Professor Dixon will take for his subject: "Pictures From Life's Other Side." The public is cordially invited.

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The Rev. Mr. VanLandingham comes highly recommended as a pastor and evangelist. Press reports stated that in his meetings at Samson and Kinston last year more than one hundred converts were added to those two churches as a result of his powerful preaching. A number of our people have heard him preach and they are unanimous in proclaiming him an eloquent minister of the Gospel, with an appeal that touches the hearts of his hearers. It is thought that the time is ripe for a great revival of religion in Elba. The Government and State are throwing favors our way, and now if we will show our appreciation by giving God praise, there's no telling what manifold blessings may be heaped upon us.

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